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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in Kashmir
(Report #8 - As of 11:00 am EDT)

1. Pakistani forces have begun to move forward again in their drive through the Chhamb sector of Indian Kashmir toward Akhnur and the strategic Jammu-Poonch road.
2. A spokesman in Rawalpindi claims Pakistani troops have succeeded in crossing the Tawi River (presumably the Manawwarwali Tawi River near Chhamb) and have advanced five miles beyond. The new thrust extends the three-day penetration into Indian territory to about twelve miles, and brings the Pakistanis to within 15 miles of Akhnur.
3. An Indian Defense Ministry spokesman reportedly admitted the river crossing, and stated that Indian troops are in contact with advance patrols of Pakistani armor.
4. The Indians have launched aircraft to counter the Pakistani advance. Several air engagements have occurred, and the Indians claim to have shot down two Pakistani aircraft. Rawalpindi alleges that some 40 Indian aircraft engaged in strikes in the Chhamb battle zone intruded southward into Pakistan but were driven off by Pakistani interceptors. Pakistan Air Force Chief-of-Staff Nur Khan describes the stepped-up aerial activity as a "new turn" in the air war.
5. Unconfirmed news reports from Paris hold that Pakistan has sought De Gaulle's help toward solving the Kashmir crisis. Nasir, Tito, and Lester Pearson have already offered their good offices, but neither India nor Pakistan has been responsive.

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6. UN Secretary-General U Thant reportedly told the Security Council today that Pakistan has refused to give him assurances that it will stop fighting, while India promised to stop if Pakistan would do likewise.

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